

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Once more the FCC, now effectively an arm of the broadcasting corporations, is proposing to remove public interest rules in favor of private profiteers. The failure of the so-called free market to serve the public interest is evident to anyone who considers the trash that dominates the television medium. TV in particular has degraded far past even the "wasteland" that Newton Minow long ago saw.

You, the members of the FCC, are not honorable servants of the public, and should resign in shame. That not being likely, at the least you should reconsider your egregious promotion of private interests, and reverse your rule-making course.